SUBJECT No. 204.

Levy of duty on rail-borne dutiable articles.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Toll gates and octroi stations may be done away with in municipal towns which are railway stations and duty levied only on dutiable articles (both exports and imports) borne by rail.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 205.

Abolition of octroi on local manufactured articles and produce.

Messrs. B. Bhima Rao, Shimoga District Board, Sangana basappa and Channaveerappa, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Octroi is being levied in all the municipalities on articles of local production and manufacture which are sold in the State itself. Persons selling the produce of their labour are thus indirectly taxed a second time. This discourages the local industries to some extent. Octroi may therefore be abolished except on all articles imported into the State.

To evade payment of octroi, people conduct sales outside municipal limits. This causes hardship to merchants in municipal towns who are obliged to pay heavy rates of mohatarfa and octroi.

Reply of Government.—Government will be prepared to consider the question of abolition of octroi if the municipal bodies point out other suitable sources of revenue.

SUBJECT No. 206.

Acquisition of houses in municipalities for sanitary and other improvements.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnayya, M. C. Rangiengar, A. Anniah Pandit and Rev. H. Gulliford, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Summary of discussion.—Government may, in all cases where the removal of houses is required for sanitary or other improvements in municipalities, pass orders that no houses are to be demolished till accommodation is provided for those whose houses are to be acquired.

Reply of Government.—Will be done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 207.

Appeals against the decisions of municipal councils.

Mr. M. Anantha Chetty, Chitaldrug taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Provision may be caused to be made in the Municipal Regulation, allowing appeals to Government against the decisions of municipal councils.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 208.

Supervision of District Fund works.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It was proposed to place an Assistant Engineer under each Deputy Commissioner to carry out District Fund works with efficiency. It is very necessary that this proposal should be carried out very early. Early orders may be passed in the matter.

Reply of Government.—This is a question of funds. Government have no objection to sanction the proposal if funds are made available by the District Boards.

SUBJECT No. 209.

Forms of inspection reports in matters connected with Local Boards.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Forms of inspection reports may be prescribed for reporting upon matters connected with Local Boards.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 210.

Amendment of clause (*e*) of section 15 of the Mysore Municipal Regulation.

Mr. Dasappa, Arsikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal patels and shanbhogs are prohibited from becoming members of the municipality, under clause (*e*) of section 15 of the Mysore Municipal Regulation, 1906. Even in the case of non-regulation municipalities, the same restriction is made

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(*vide* Government Order No. 4132-54, dated 4th October 1913) with a slight concessive clause. Experienced and deserving shanbhogs and patels may be permitted to become members of municipal councils.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary or desirable.

SUBJECT No. 211.

Substitution of land tax in lieu of house tax in municipalities and its collection by the revenue authorities on payment of some remuneration.

Mr. C. Narasimhayya, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Withdrawn with permission to bring up the subject next year along with a note explaining the reasons for the proposed change.

SUBJECT No. 212.

Prompt payment of lighting and conservancy charges in municipalities.

Mr. Ramaswami Chetty, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Lighting and conservancy charges are paid in municipalities by cheques signed and issued by the Deputy Commissioner. The Amildar may be empowered to issue cheques for payment of such charges within the sanctioned allotment of the budget as the present practice involves a delay of months for the payment of such charges.

Reply of Government—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 213.

Encouragement to men who offer loans to local bodies.

Mr. B. Kesavaiya, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In order to stimulate Local Self-Government and to get funds to meet the local needs, the offering of loans to such local bodies may be considered as a qualification for members, chairmen, etc., and honours may be conferred on such of them as bear the offices creditably for a sufficiently long time.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 214.

Maintenance of District Fund roads.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The District Boards may be relieved of the maintenance of some of the roads which require a large outlay for their up-keep.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

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SUBJECT No. 215.

Itinerant dispensaries.

Messrs. Ramaiya, Malur taluk, and Veerappa, Chikballapur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—An additional Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the last grade may be attached to each dispensary, and he may be directed to travel throughout the taluk and treat the patients living in out of the way villages, which are at considerable distances from the taluk headquarters, as the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in charge of the dispensary has enough to do in the headquarters itself.

Reply of Government.—The results of the working of the semi-itinerent and itinerent dispensaries in the malnad will be awaited.